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JAPAN.

YOKOHAMA—Inspection of Vessels—Plague Rats on Vessel.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, December 10:

Week ended December 4. Vessels inspected: Steamships *Tenyo Maru* for San Francisco and *Kumeric* for Seattle, and schooner *Musashi Maru* for Agana, Guam.

Plague-infected rats were found during the week on the steamship *Chikuzen Maru* at dock from Shanghai via Kobe. The vessel was remanded to quarantine.

KOBE—Inspection of Vessels—Plague.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Knight reports, November 24 and December 2 and 8:

Week ended November 20. Supplemental bills of health granted to 4 steamships. There were inspected 256 members of crews and 79 steerage passengers, and 10 members of crews and 12 steerage passengers were bathed and their effects were disinfected. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 67 and bedding 24. Manifests were viséed for 22,862 pieces of freight amounting to 2,428 tons. Thirty-one cases of human hair were disinfected with formalin. Twelve emigrants by steamship *Kaga Maru* were passed and 25 recommended for rejection. The emigrants were in quarantine detention at Ono for 7 days. The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show 16 cases of plague with 11 deaths at Kobe.

Week ended November 27. Supplemental bills of health granted to 3 steamships. There were inspected 292 members of crews and 487 steerage passengers; 79 steerage passengers were bathed, and their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 254 and bedding 158. Manifests were viséed for 113,959 pieces of freight, amounting to 8,811 tons.

Emigrants examined: By steamship *Mongolia*, for Honolulu; passed 40, recommended for rejection 52; for San Francisco, passed 2, recommended for rejection 4. By steamship *Tenyo Maru* for Honolulu; passed 31, recommended for rejection 36; for San Francisco, passed 6, recommended for rejection 5.

The emigrants passed to Honolulu by the steamship *Mongolia* include 11 Russians who were inspected and bathed; their effects were disinfected. The emigrants were 7 days in quarantine detention at Ono before embarkation.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show 12 cases of plague with 12 deaths in Kobe.

Week ended December 4. Supplemental bills of health granted to 2 steamships and original bill of health granted to 1 steamship.

There were inspected 185 members of crews and 15 steerage passengers; 46 members of crews were bathed and their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 111. Manifests were viséed for 54,744 pieces of freight, amounting to 3,245 tons. During the week 531 packages of old rubber overshoes were disinfected by steam and 31 cases of human hair were disinfected with formalin. One vessel was fumigated with sulphur to kill vermin, and her forecastle washed down with antiseptic solution.